THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Government is keen to find a comprehensive settlement of all outstanding issues within the framework of the Constitution and to restore the political process in the State as early as possible.

(b) The Government stands by the Rajiv-Longowal accord and is committed to implement the same. Most of the items in the accord have been implemented and for those that remain, efforts will be made to implement them expeditiously.

Implementation of Assam Accord

*6. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far in identifying the foreigners after implementation of the Assam Accord in 1985;

(b) what is the number of foreign national who have been deported so far as per the agreement; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government and the progress made so far regarding implementation of other clauses of the accord and what are the hurdles in their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB):

(a) and (b) As on 31-7-1991.

(i) the number of persons detected as foreigners who came to Assam after 1-1-66 (inclusive) and upto 24-3-71 is —15779.

(ii) The number of persons declared as Illegal Migrants (post 25-3-71 entrants) is —7781.

(iii) Out of those declared as Illegal Migrants, the number of persons expelled is — 716.

(c) The Central Government have taken all the steps on their part in pursuance of the Assam Accord. The progress of some of the important items is given below :—

(I) Border roads and fence

(i) Land acquisition — for 133.55 km of roads.

(ii) Earth work and culverts— for 113.10 km of roads.

(iii) Fencing — 42 kms.

(II) The Citizenship Act has been amended in terms of the Assam Accord.

(III) The IMDT Act, 1983 has been amended in consultation with the Government of Assam to remove the difficulties expressed regarding its implementation.

(IV) To protect, preserve, and promote the cultural, social and linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people a cultural complex 'Srimanta Shankaradev Kala Kshetra' has been approved.

(V) For speedy economic development of Assam, the Seventh Plan outlay was stepped up and almost the entire allocation was made available as Central Assistance.

(VI) A number of important Projects identified by the Planning Commission have been taken up for speedy implementation. A Committee was set up under the Chairmnship of Shri L. C. Jain, Member, Planning Commission, whose recommendations would be kept in view while finalising the Plans of the State Government and the Central Government Departments.

(VII) The State of Assam which already enjoyed the status of 'special category' would now be given assistance on the pattern of 90 per cent grant and 10 per cent loan.

(VIII) A package for the revival of Ashok Paper Mills was prepared in consultation with the Govt. of Assam and accordingly a grant of Rs. 67.08 crores was approved out of which a sum of Rs. 10.69 crores was released to the State in March, 1990.

(IX) A grant of Rs. 2.40 crores has been released for the revival of the Cooperative Jute Mill and the Mill has been revived.

(X) The cases of disciplinary action against Central employees have been reviewed with sympathy.

(XI) Ex-gratia payment Rs. 5000|- per person has been made to the next of kin of those who were killed in the course of agitation and the entire amount has been given by the Central Government as grant to the State Government.

(XII) The upper age limit was relaxed for a period of 5 years by the Central Government for Central employment in case of candidates from Assam.

(XIII) The setting up of an Oil Refinery at Numaligarh in Assam is under active processing.

(XIV) An Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) is being set up in Assam.

Production of Petroleum and Allied Products by Oil Industry

*7. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of petroleum and allied products by Oil Industry during the year 1990-91;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation exported 2.48 million tons of surplus petroleum products valued at Rs. 935 crores during the year 1990-91; and

(c) the quantum of foreign exchange earned by the IOC during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) About 50.087 million tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) US dollar 520 million approximately.

Southern Gas Pipeline

*8. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for a Southern Gas pipeline from Bombay High to Cauvery basin in Tamil Nadu *via* the Kerala coast;

(b) whether any Chamber of Commerce of any Southern State have submitted a memorandum in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) A techno-economic feasibility study for a Southern gas pipeline is being carried out.

Objeitives of IMPCL

*9. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation